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PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FEES ON NONVEHICULAR SOURCES, CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss proposed fees on large nonvehicular sources of air pollution; large manufacturers, distributors and private labelers of consumer products; and large manufacturers of architectural coatings. The workshop is scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2003
Time: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Central Valley Auditorium
Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

On March 18, 2003, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 10X (Oropeza) which authorizes the ARB to impose additional fees on nonvehicular sources that emit 250 tons or more per year of any nonattainment pollutant or its precursors. The fees are to be collected for the purposes of recovering the costs of state programs related to nonvehicular sources. AB 10X also authorizes the ARB to impose a fee for emissions from consumer products and architectural coatings sold in the state if a manufacturer's total sales will result in the emissions of 250 tons or more per year of volatile organic compounds. Revenues collected from the fees are to be used to mitigate or reduce air pollution in the State created by consumer products and architectural coatings.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Information obtained at the workshop will be used by ARB staff to further develop a regulation to implement the provisions of AB 10X. The Board is tentatively scheduled to consider the proposal at its July 24, 2003 hearing.

At the workshop, ARB staff will present a draft regulation to implement the fee program; the applicability criteria; a preliminary list of affected fee payers; and a schedule for regulation development. We anticipate having this information available at the following web site before the workshop: www.arb.ca.gov/emisinv/nscpac_fees/nscpac_fees.htm. Copies of the information may be requested from the contact persons identified below.

Staff will answer questions related to the proposal at the workshop, and attendees will have the opportunity to provide comments. We would appreciate receiving any written comments by no later than May 14, 2003. Comments may be sent by e-mail to: drake@arb.ca.gov, or sent to the following address:

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The workshop will also be webcast at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast>. You may send questions on-line during the workshop by e-mail to onair@arb.ca.gov. The workshop title should be placed in the subject line, followed by your question in the body of the e-mail. To participate by teleconference, please call 1-888-282-8354, using the pass code 12661. The leader for call in questions will be Sue Wyman. If you have problems calling in, please dial 916-296-3129, to speak with Sue on her cellular phone.

If you have special accommodation needs that cannot be met by attending the workshop via the webcast site shown above, or if you have language needs, please contact Sue Wyman at (916) 445-9477 or by e-mail at swyman@arb.ca.gov, as soon as possible. TTY/TDD/Speech-to-Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service to attend the workshop by telephone.

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If you have questions on the various aspects of the proposal, please contact the following:

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Sincerely,

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